

**WIGGINS LAKE LEVEL AUTHORITY BOARD**  
**Held at Sage Township Hall**  
**September 20, 2022**

Meeting called to order by Terry Walters at 7:00pm.

Pledge of Allegiance lead by Terry Walters

Present: Ron Taylor, Terry Walters, Mike Rajt, Renee Zelt, and Lucy Zeestraten

Absent: Rick Dvorak

Motion to approve minutes of July 19, 2022, by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Hermann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Additions to Agenda:

Financial ledger: Renee Zelt who Tempest on the ledger. Mike Hermann asked when the inundation study comes through does it come out of Lake Level ledger or Construction ledger? Lucy lets him know it comes out the Lake Level ledger. Lucy gave explanation to the construction ledger and Terry said the sign and gravel came out of that account. Ledgers are received and filed.

Set the meeting schedule for 2023. Tuesday May 16, 2023 at 7pm, Tuesday July 18, 2023, at 7pm, and Tuesday September 19, 2023, at 7pm and if needed call a special meeting. Motion by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Renee Zelt. All in favor. Motion carried.

Old Business: Ron asked to be updated on the repairs. Terry told him we had correspondence back and forth with Shawn, but still waiting on the EGLE permit. Ron asked why the permit fee went from \$100.00 to \$500.00. Mike Hermann explained that new people came on board, and everything changed. Lucy stated that Shawn was originally told he could just mark up a picture and then a new guy stepped in and wanted a more detailed pictures with specks. Mike Rajt stated that he spoke to Dan D. from Dam Safety, and he verified what Lucy said. Dan is now gone and there is a new sheriff in town. Ron Taylor stated it seems to be going around with the state. They had an airport inspection, and it was a new person. He red flag the airport. He said there was 2 trees in by the glide path that needed to be cut down. Ron said those 2 trees turned into about 60 trees. It was 2 clumps of trees.

Mike Hermann gave his report. He has 3 metrics that he is tracking for the Dam. One is the high/low lake level on a daily basis. High/low flows on a daily basis. And the number of times the gates open and the amount of time it is open. The lake is with in inch. Terry wanted to show everyone Mike's report. Ron asked that because Pratt Lake received 3 inches of rain, how did Chappel Dam do? Mike stated that we did have some rain instants and the dam did it by itself. They didn't remove any boards; they didn't open the tanner gate. Returned the big gate to manual to help smooth out the flow down the river. A gesture to the canoe guy. It was working fine but when we get rain, we just to operate the other one. With all the instants the last month in a half the lake levels never excided 814.74. Mike Rajt stated that the software has worked almost flawlessly. In the past the sensors would get marine growth on them and would need to be cleaned off and the weeds growing up. Lucy has been once a week saving data from the software. Ron sked if there has been any talk on the Facebook page. Has Mike R. heard anything from the property owners about the lake or the dam? Mike said nothing at all. Just thank you for keeping us advised with the 3 floods we had in a row last year. Mike Hermann said they will start to pull boards on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September and be done by the 31st of October. This will bring it down to winter levels. They will take all the boards out except for the ones on the sides. This will help with the freezing and thawing on the wing walls. Ron Taylor stated that there are some new guys on the crew, he asked if it was working out. Mike Hermann said yes. Mike stated that he's trying to set up a Google sheet to sign up for various activities but it is going a little slow. Terry stated that he picked up some metal posts to replace the wooden stacks that shows the property line. Hoping they will last a little longer. Ron wanted to know if anything else has been said about the select cutting that was done last year. Terry said we haven't heard anything, and Renee hadn't either. Mike Hermann suggested

we get a can of spray paint to mark the south side. There is a path that everybody uses. Terry also wants to have DeLisle put some rock in so the four wheelers can't get in there. There was more discussion on that.

Public Comment: Jeff Taylor asked about finances and will there need to be an assessment. Terry stated that the account has \$25,255.85. Terry stated that we need to look at repairs to the cameras and Shawn is going to give us an idea on the controls. Ron asked if those finances are good for the foreseeable future. Terry stated Mike Rajt had a budget set up and we live within that budget. Mike Rajt stated it should be about 40 years before that money is exhausted based on normal operating expenses. Ron states the more you got it set up the more it will be an excess. Mike Hermann asked Mike what the annual budget is. Mike Rajt stated just under ten. He said you might have to go up about 10% next year. Ron asked if we add to that every year. Mike Rajt said you have to raise it because inflation etc.

Terry stated he sees the messages and let him know if they need help.

Motion to adjourn by Ron Taylor. Seconded by Mike Hermann. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18

Respectfully submitted.  
Lucy Zeestraten, Secretary